

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Cross-Reference to Related Applications has been amended herein to correct a clerical error. Specifically, application Serial No. 10/178,030, now U.S. Patent No. 6,767,356, is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/658,787, as indicated on the cover page of U.S. Patent No. 6,767,356. Application Serial No. 10/178,030 is not a continuation in part of application Serial No. 10/036,690, as erroneously indicated by the Cross-Reference to Related Applications as originally filed. Applicants respectfully submit that, as benefit of earlier filed U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/178,030 was claimed in the Cross-Reference to Related Applications as originally filed, no petition is necessary to correct this clerical error.

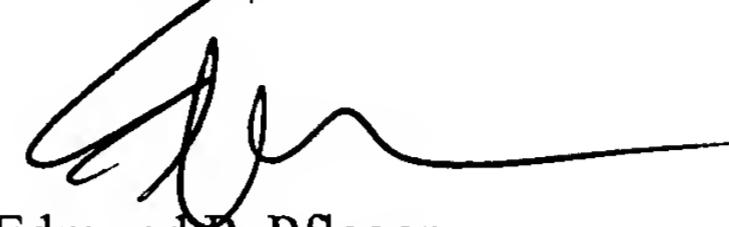
The Cross-Reference to Related Applications has also been amended to indicate that, since the filing of the instant application, application Serial No. 10/178,030 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,767,356. Similarly, the Cross-Reference to Related Applications has also been amended to indicate that, since the filing of the instant application, application Serial No. 09/915,107 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,533,762, and has been amended to include the filing date of the '107 application.

Additionally, the Cross-Reference to Related Applications has been amended to delete the reference to U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/884,782, erroneously included in the original priority chain.

No fees are believed necessitated by this amendment, however, please charge, or credit any overpayment to, our Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary fees.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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